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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACTIVATION OF AN ADVANCE  
NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR MONITORING AND REPORTING STATUS OF  
VEHICLE TRAVEL**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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- (a) Title: Advanced Notification System and Method Utilizing a Distinctive Telephone Ring  
Serial No.: 08/762,052; Filing Date: December 9, 1996  
Inventor: Jones  
Our Docket No.: 050701-1025
- (b) Title: Advance Notification systems and Methods Utilizing a Computer Network  
Serial No.: 08/852,119; Filing Date: May 6, 1997  
Inventor: Jones  
Our Docket No.: 050701-1026

- (c) Title: System and Method for Enciphering and Communicating  
Vehicle Tracking Information  
Serial No.: 09/163,606; Filing Date: September 30, 1998  
Inventor: Jones  
Our Docket No.: 050701-1027
- (d) Title: System and Method for an Advance Notification System  
for Monitoring and Reporting Proximity of a Vehicle  
Serial No.: 09/163,958; Filing Date: September 30, 1998  
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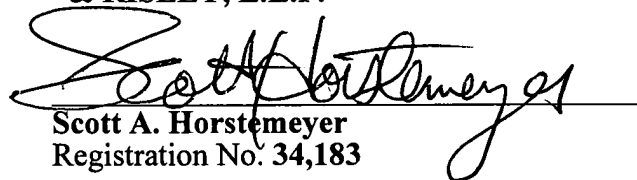
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 to indicate the documents have been considered.

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The following is a list of documents enclosed:

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FROM: Richard A Bertsch, Al Lawrence Smith, John F. Terapane, Jr.  
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